

DATE: JANUARY 11, 1989

FULL NAME ROLAND R. FUENTES S.S. NO. \_\_\_\_\_  
(No initials if you can possibly get full name)

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

CITY TAMPA STATE FLORIDA ZIP CODE 33684

DATE OF BIRTH 3/18/38 (This is important and should be exact)

APPROXIMATE AGE \_\_\_\_\_ (To be used ONLY when date of birth is not known)  
PREACHES TO OTHERS ABOUT GOD

RELIGION & THE END IS COMING NATIONALITY (Citizen of) U. S. (CUBAN)  
VERY SOON

OCCUPATION UNEMPLOYED-FORMERLY WITH A COMPANY THAT SUPPLIES PIPES & VALVES

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COLOR OF HAIR BROWN/GRAY COLOR OF EYES \_\_\_\_\_

ANY DISTINGUISHING PHYSICAL CHARACTERSTICS LATIN ACCENT-VERY TALKATIVE-POOR LISTENER

HOBBIES OR SPECIAL INTERESTS \_\_\_\_\_

MARRIED ☐ SINGLE ☒ NAME OF SPOUSE DIVORCED

CHILDREN ONE - \_\_\_\_\_  
(Name, number, ages, if possible)

SCOUTING CONNECTIONS:

UNIT #	CITY	STATE	POSITION	DATE REGISTERED	DATE RESIGNED
SHIP #241	TAMPA	FLORIDA	SKIPPER	MAY 1987	12/29/88 (SUSPENDED)

Chartered Organization REQUIN MEMORIAL FOUNDATION

SPECIAL RECOGNITION \_\_\_\_\_

INCIDENT: TYPE 1 DATE OF INCIDENT 12/22/88 RESOLUTION 2  
Type Resolution

- 1=Scout Related
- 2=Non-scout related
- 3=homosexual (not specifically with youth)

- 1. Internal (only Scouts Know)
- 2. Criminal action
- 3. Court action
- 4. Probationary status
- 5. Reported to state agency

Check off list of attached documentation

- 1. Description of incident **NOTED**
- 2. Victim(s) statement
- 3. media reports **JAN 29 1990**
- 4. Legal proceedings
- 5. Offender's statement **JOSEPH L. ANGLIM**
- 6. Official notification of termination
- 7. Found guilty/innocent by court

**CONFIDENTIAL**

**JAN 20 1989**

**F. STARON**

Council GULF RIDGE #86 Signed Thomas R. Deimler  
SCOUT EXECUTIVE

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January 30, 1990

Mr. Thomas R. Deimler  
Scout Executive  
Gulf Ridge Council, No. 86

PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL

SUBJECT: Roland R. Fuentes

Dear Tom:

Thank you for the detailed information sent concerning the above Scouter. This case has been reviewed with our attorney and is now on our permanent Ineligible Volunteer File.

Sincerely,

Paul Ernst, Director  
Registration Service.

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cc: Southeast Region

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JAN 30 1990  
ERIN O'RILEY

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# Scouts, sub guide face suit

By BAYARD STEELE  
Tribune Staff Writer

TAMPA — A man who says the former tour guide of the submarine USS Requin molested his two 13-year-old sons filed a lawsuit Wednesday against the guide and the Boy Scouts of America.

The boys were members of a local Sea Explorers group affiliated with the Boy Scouts, the lawsuit says. Roland Fuentes was the youth group's leader, and he worked as the tour guide on the large submarine, docked in downtown Tampa.



Fuentes, 51, was convicted in February of molesting three boys who were members of his Sea Explorers group. He is serving a three-year prison sentence.

Richard A. Hirsch, the Tampa attorney who filed the lawsuit, said the two boys he represents were involved in the criminal investigation.

One of the boys was aboard the Requin in November, participating in the Sea Explorers program, when Fuentes kissed him and told the boy he loved him, the lawsuit says. A month later, Fuentes kissed the boy again and fondled him.

Fuentes kissed and hugged the other boy in October, the lawsuit says.

The lawsuit says the Boy Scouts failed to investigate Fuentes' background, training and experience before bringing him on as a volunteer leader in May 1987. The father contends that Scout leaders should have been particularly cautious because Sea Scouts occasionally spent the night with Fuentes aboard the Requin.

Hirsch said a routine check of police records would have shown that he was arrested on a charge of lewd and lascivious conduct in 1972. Fuentes never was prosecuted on that charge.

Thomas Deimler, executive director of the Gulf Ridge Council of the Boy Scouts of America, said the organization does not have the manpower to make thorough checks on all its volunteers.

"We attempt to very closely review the background of all the people who are in our program and who are in direct contact with our young people," he said. "There's no foolproof method for totally screening someone."

Deimler said he has not seen the lawsuit.

Hirsch says the boys are seeing a psychiatrist and still have nightmares from their encounters with Fuentes. The lawsuit says they have suffered pain, discomfort and mental anguish, and they want compensation that "substantially exceeds"

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## Molestation by tour guide brings suit

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the minimum \$5,000 claim needed to file a lawsuit in Hillsborough Circuit Court.

Hirsch also has filed notice that he intends to sue the city. The city has a contract with the U.S. Navy in which the city agrees to provide public access to the submarine.

Scout officials immediately suspended Fuentes after his Dec. 28 arrest on allegations that he molested three 13- and 14-year-old boys who were members of the group. Parents of one of the teen-agers called police after their son said Fuentes had fondled him on Dec. 22.

Police charged Fuentes with four counts of committing lewd acts upon a child. Under sentencing guidelines, he faced nine to 12 years in prison if he was convicted of all charges.

Prosecutors said they didn't want to put the boys through the trauma of testifying at four trials. They worked out a deal with Fuentes in which he agreed to plead guilty to one of the charges in exchange for the maximum prison term under sentencing guidelines — three years.

Circuit Judge Edward Ward sentenced Fuentes to the prison term, followed by two years of house arrest and 10 years of probation.

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October 19, 1989

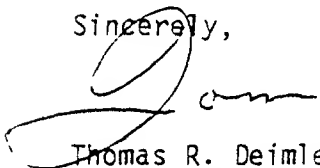
Mr. Paul Ernst S108  
Boy Scouts of America  
1325 Walnut Hill Lane  
Post Office Box 152079  
Irving, Texas 75015-2079

Dear Paul:

I'm in receipt of your letter of October 10, 1989. It seems strange that I would receive such a letter from you related to Roland R. Fuentes when, in fact, the charges are anything but settled at this time.

You may wish to check with our own National BSA Risk Management and legal department to find that this is a very involved case which will obviously stretch out for some time into the future.

Sincerely,



Thomas R. Deimler  
Scout Executive

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October 10, 1989

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A. GRAVES

Mr. Thomas R. Deimler  
Scout Executive  
Gulf Ridge Council, No. 86

PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL

SUBJECT: Roland R. Fuentes

Dear Tom:

I know the legal system moves very slow, but I wondered if the charges against Mr. Fuentes have been settled by this time. We would like the outcome of the legal action and also any sentencing which may have been imposed.

Thanks for your help in completing this file.

Sincerely,

Paul Ernst, Director  
Registration Service

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cc: Southeast Region

CONF016812

July 3, 1989

Mr. Thomas R. Deimler  
Scout Executive  
Gulf Ridge Council, No. 36

PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL

SUBJECT: ROLAND R. FUENTES

Dear Tom:

Thank you for all the material you have sent to us previously concerning the above named individual. We believe we have everything we need except for the outcome of the legal action.

We would like newspaper clippings or court records which would indicate the outcome of the legal action. I hope it has been completed by this time, so that we can close this file.

Thanks for your help.

Sincerely,

Paul Ernst, Director  
Registration Service

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cc: Southeast Region

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January 24, 1989

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JAN 24 1989

ERIN O'RILEY

Mr. Thomas R. Deimler  
Scout Executive  
Gulf Ridge Council, No. 86

PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL

SUBJECT: Roland R. Fuentes

Dear Tom:

We appreciate all the material you recently sent concerning the above named individual. This is most helpful as we establish a file which will lead to refusal of any future registration attempts.

I would like the outcome of the legal action once it is completed. I understand this can take a considerable length of time.

Thanks for your help in protecting the youth of America.

Sincerely,

Paul Ernst, Director  
Registration Service

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cc: Southeast Region

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# Fondling suspect able to stand trial

By BAYARD STEELE and STEVE KANIGHER  
Tribune Staff Writers

TAMPA — The self-described "skipper" of the USS Requin submarine is competent to stand trial on charges that he molested two boys in his Sea Explorers group, a judge ruled Monday.

Roland Fuentes, 50, understands the allegations against him and is capable of assisting with his defense, a psychiatrist and clinical psychologist found in separate evaluations.



Fuentes

The psychologist said Fuentes denied fondling boys because he knows that it's immoral and against the law.

Hillsborough Circuit Judge Harry Lee Coe III accepted the findings at a brief hearing Monday and found the vessel's tour guide competent.

Coe also refused to set bail for Fuentes, who faces five counts of sexual battery and two counts of lewd and lascivious behavior. Fuentes can seek bail again when his case is permanently assigned to a circuit judge.

Coe ordered the evaluations Dec. 30, when Fuentes first appeared in court and asked for bail. He has denied any wrongdoing in records and in an interview

with a Tampa Tribune reporter.

Fred Farzanegan, the clinical psychologist, and Robert H. Coffey, a psychiatrist, examined Fuentes earlier this month. Both found him to be alert and cooperative.

Farzanegan wrote that Fuentes was born in Cuba and worked as a plumber, pipe-fitter and salesman before becoming tour guide of the Requin.

The submarine, commissioned in 1945, is docked in downtown Tampa. Tours of the sub were suspended after Fuentes was arrested last month.

Fuentes has lived in Tampa on and off for 20 years, according to the psychologist's report. He is separated from his wife and has a 17-year-old son.

He was accused of molesting two boys in July 1972, but those charges were dropped. He told Farzanegan and Coffey he is also innocent of the new allegations.

"Roland Fuentes acknowledges that he probably hugged the boy that has accused him, but denies that he has ever touched him in his private parts," Farzanegan wrote. "He felt that if this did occur, it certainly happened accidentally, as he indicates that he is very much aware that to do that deliberately would be immoral and against the law — man's law and God's law."

Fuentes told Coffey he has no sexual fantasies involving children.

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## Tour guide ruled competent for trial

or teen-agers.

Fuentes, 2424 Tampa Bay Blvd., was arrested Dec. 28 and accused of fondling a 13-year-boy who had taken a tour of the submarine. Police then interviewed other boys and filed more charges.

A police spokesman said most of the children interviewed belong to the Sea Explorers, which is associated with the Boy Scouts of America.

Fuentes first became head of a Sea Explorers outfit in May 1987, when he helped revive the dormant Ship 210 post at the Davis Islands Yacht Club. But by last spring, Fuentes and the yacht club became embroiled in several disagreements and they parted company.

He subsequently found a new sponsor, the Tampa Cruis-a-cade boat club, last summer — at about the same time he became interested

in operating the Requin. But club spokesman Harry Everson said Tampa Cruis-a-cade pulled out because the group didn't believe it had the financial backing to help operate the war memorial.

Fuentes ended up sponsoring his own Sea Explorers post through his non-profit Requin Memorial Founda-

tion, which had a contract with the city of Tampa to operate the submarine through September 1991. However, Fuentes has said he no longer wants to operate the submarine. The city is now considering an international group of submarine enthusiasts, the Sharkhoppers, to assume control of the Requin.



# Group considers sub tour takeover

By STEVE KANIGHER  
Tribune Staff Writer

TAMPA — An international organization of submarine enthusiasts expects to decide by Friday whether it wishes to assume operation of the USS Requin war memorial.

Sharkhunters president Harry Cooper of Tampa met Tuesday with city officials to discuss the possibility of reopening the submarine, which is anchored in the Hillsborough River behind the Curtis Hixon Convention Center.

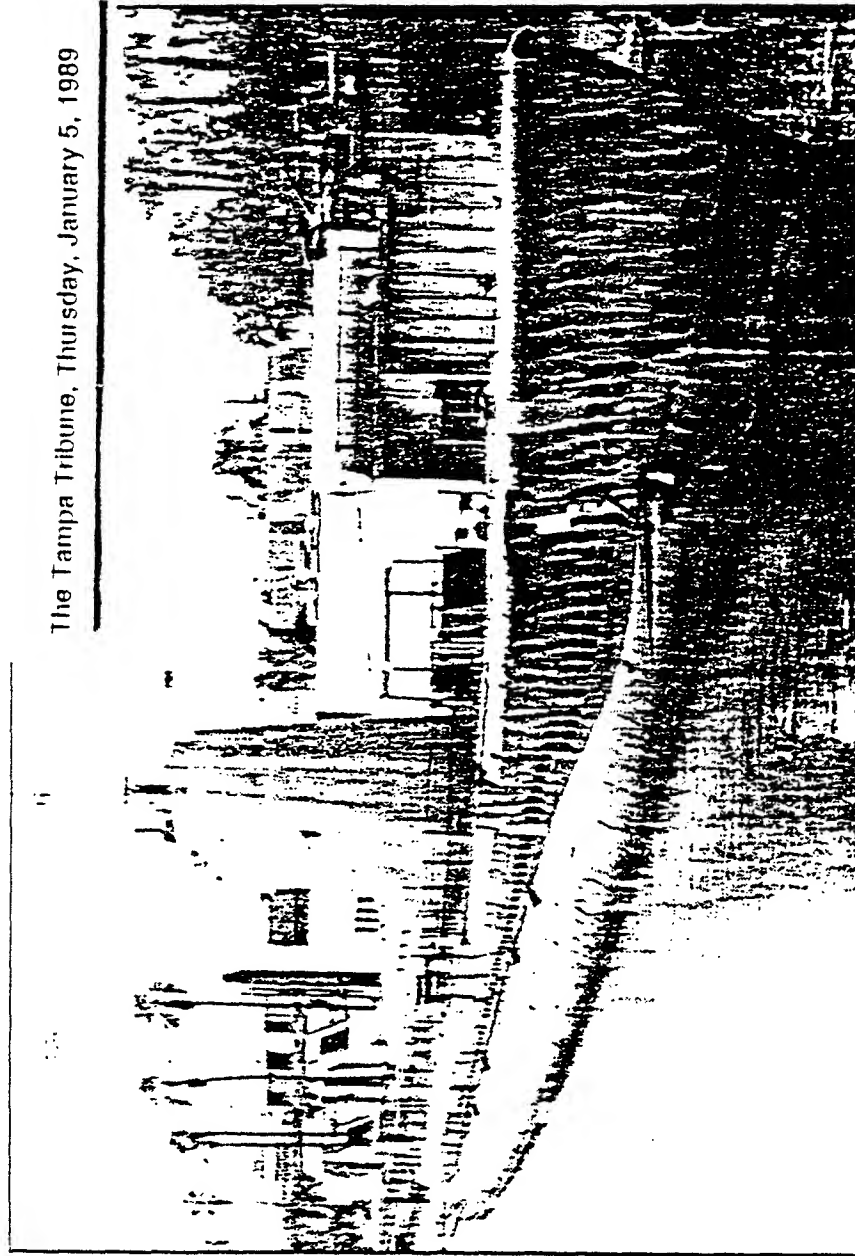
The submarine, operated since October by the Sea Explorers youth group, was closed by the city last week after the arrest of group leader and tour guide Roland Fuentes. Fuentes is in the Hillsborough County Jail on child molestation charges and is scheduled for a bail hearing Monday.

In a telephone interview from the jail Tuesday, Fuentes said he would not return to the submarine if cleared of the criminal charges. But he said he believes the Sea Explorers, a branch of the Boy Scouts of America, should be allowed to continue sponsoring tours of the vessel.

"They have earned the right to operate the submarine because they've worked for many months there," Fuentes said. "You don't know how many times we did jobs working until 1 or 2 a.m. to bring it to the state it's in now."

But U.S. Navy Reserve Capt. Bob O'Neill of the Submarine Veterans of World War II set up the meeting with city officials to talk about the Sharkhunters taking over as operators of the submarine.

O'Neill's non-profit group helped maintain the submarine in partnership with the Requin Memorial Foundation, a non-profit entity founded by Fuentes. The group con-



Tribune photograph by JIM REED

**Tours of the World War II era submarine USS Requin were shut down after the arrest of tour guide Roland Fuentes last week on child molestation charges.**

ducted the \$2 admission fees from submarine tours. Fuentes and the Sea Explorers helped refurbish the vessel, which was commissioned in 1945 but did not see action during World War II.

"The Sharkhunters know how to operate a sub and know what people expect to see," O'Neill said. "Quite a few of them are submarine vets."

The Sharkhunters, with 1,000 members in 21 countries, had approached the city about operating the submarine before the Sea Explorers became involved. The city,

which owns the USS Requin, chose instead to approve a contract that allows the Requin Memorial Foundation to operate the submarine until September 1991.

Now that Fuentes has bowed out, Assistant City Attorney Josephine Stafford said Wednesday that several legal issues must be explored before the contract can be reassigned to another group. She did not know how quickly a new agreement could be reached.

Stafford said the city prefers the operator of the submarine to remain a non-profit. Although the Sharkhunters are a private, for-profit

group, she said it may be possible for them to work with O'Neill's non-profit group as operators.

Cooper said the Sharkhunters also are considering forming a non-profit division of its own. But he said the group's attorneys are still exploring whether it would be financially feasible for them to become involved.

"If it's run properly, it could be self-supporting, no doubt about it," Cooper said. "Once you look beyond the surface, you realize (operating a submarine) is a complex proposition. It's nothing you can take lightly."

# Sub tour guide denies sex charges

By STEVE KANIGHER  
Tribune Staff Writer

TAMPA — USS Requin tour guide Roland Fuentes denied allegations Tuesday that he molested two teenage boys who belonged to the Sea Explorers youth group he led.

In a telephone interview from the Hillsborough County Jail, the 50-year-old Fuentes spoke calmly but expressed shock over the allegations.

"I don't even know who's accusing me," Fuentes said. "The police haven't told me the names of anybody, so I don't know what to tell you. I'm denying all of it, of course."

"Most of them are such nice kids. Maybe they were just coerced or intimidated to make statements. Sir, it's so ironic this happened to me because I uphold the highest moral standards. I just preach good things and practice what I preach. I don't drink or smoke, and I never discuss sex. To me the only permissible sex is in the bond of marriage."

Fuentes also was accused of molesting two boys, aged 13 and 14, in Tampa in July 1972. According to court records, those charges were dropped although the reason was not given. Fuentes Tuesday denied those charges as well.

Fuentes was arrested Dec. 28 and subsequently charged with five counts of sexual battery and two counts of lewd and lascivious behavior after police interviewed two 13-year-old boys. He was accused of fondling one of the boys at his apartment at 2424 Tampa Bay Blvd. and of molesting the other teen on repeated occasions on the submarine docked in the Hillsborough River.

The self-described "skipper" of the submarine that

he helped refurbish last year has headed Sea Explorers Ship 241, a branch of the Boy Scouts of America, since May 1987. The Boy Scouts expelled Fuentes the day after his arrest.

Police said Tuesday they would interview two or three more boys in the Sea Explorers group.

Fuentes is scheduled to undergo psychiatric evaluation this week and be returned to court Monday for a bail hearing. He currently is being held without bail.

Even if cleared of the charges, however, Fuentes said he will not return to lead tours on the submarine or join another youth group.

"I don't ever, ever want to work with youth programs again," he said. "This puts a cloud over your head. People are always going to look at you and wonder if you did it or not. Staying away from kids, maybe they won't have the opportunity to raise the question. So I don't want to deal with it."

Fuentes blasted the Boy Scouts, however, for expelling him. He said he had been a scout leader in good standing for more than 20 years.

"Mind you, I haven't even been brought to trial," Fuentes said. "We're supposed to be innocent until proven guilty."

Officials with the Scouts have said, however, that they expelled leaders "if there is any doubt" about their character.

The city closed the submarine after Fuentes' arrest but is considering a proposal to turn over operation of the vessel to the Sharkhunters, a loosely knit group of submarine enthusiasts. City officials discussed the proposal Tuesday with Capt. Bob O'Neill of the Submarine Veterans of World War II, a group that has cosponsored the tours led by Fuentes.

Saturday, December 31, 1988

# Submarine tour guide denied bail

By IVAN HATHAWAY and STEVE KANIGHER  
Tribune Staff Writers

TAMPA — USS Requin tour guide Roland Fuentes must remain in Hillsborough County Jail without bail and undergo psychiatric evaluation before returning to court Jan. 9 on charges that he molested two boys, a Hillsborough County judge ruled Friday.

Tampa police may seek additional charges next week after interviewing seven other boys who claim they were abused by the 50-year-old submarine tour guide, police spokesman Steve Cole said.

The nine children interviewed so far, all 12 to 14 years old, include two 13-year-old boys who claim they were fondled by Fuentes. He was arrested Wednesday and subsequently charged with five counts of sexual battery and two counts of lewd and lascivious behavior after the two boys were interviewed.



Fuentes

Cole said a majority of the boys belong to the Sea Explorers, a division of the Boy Scouts of America headed by Fuentes since May 1987. On Thursday, the Boy Scouts suspended Fuentes' membership in the organization, said Bill Graff, assistant scout executive of an eight-county region with headquarters in Tampa.

Fuentes has the right to appeal the decision through the Boy Scouts.

Circuit Judge Harry Lee Coe III on Friday denied motions from defense attorney Stann W. Givens to release Fuentes on his own recognizance or establish bail. Fuentes was charged with lewd and lascivious conduct in July 1972, according to police records. The disposition of that case was unavailable.

Givens argued that the defendant has "a history of support and respect for law enforcement." But Assistant State Attorney Ada Carmona urged denial of bail. She said police fear Fuentes' release would hamper their investigation and possibly frighten the victims.

"He has a great influence over the kids," she said of Fuentes. "(A police detective) advised me that even the

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ones who have come forward are very concerned about the defendant and that they are even making inquiries as to whether they can come and see him in jail.

"As the court is aware, this is the sort of common bonding that develops between individuals like Mr. Fuentes and their victims."

Fuentes, a native Cuban, who resides at 2424 Tampa Bay Blvd., is divorced and is listed as an unemployed engineer in police records. He has a 21-year-old son who lives with his mother but occasionally visits him.

Givens, who said he was representing Fuentes only at the bail hearing, withdrew from the case. Coe then appointed the Public Defender's Office to represent the defendant at future hearings, and appointed psychologist Fred Farnegan and psychiatrist Dr. Robert H. Coffey Jr. to perform the evaluation of Fuentes.

"He's not doing well," Givens said of Fuentes after the hearing. "He's upset."

As head of the Sea Explorers, Fuentes serves over eight adult volunteers and 16 scouts ages 14 to 21. Graff said. There was no background screening of Fuentes when he joined the Sea Explorers in 1987, but the Boy Scouts since have amended all applications for adults to ask prospective leaders whether they have had a history of alcohol abuse or child abuse.

"Because it is a recognized social problem the Boy Scouts are just staying with the times," Graff said. "We are attacking the problem by educating our volunteers and scouts."

Fuentes was accused of fondling one of the boys at his apartment Dec. 22 after taking three teenagers home following a tour of the submarine. He was accused of abusing the other 13-year-old boy on at least four occasions in October and December on the submarine.

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# Tour guide charged with sexual battery

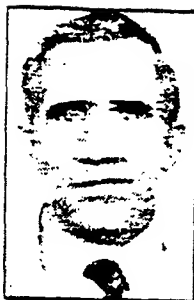
By LEE LANDENBERGER  
Tribune Staff Writer

TAMPA — The USS Requin tour guide was charged Thursday with five counts of sexual battery for sexually abusing two youngsters and with fondling a second 13-year-old boy who had been in his Sea Explorers group.

The five counts of sexual battery were filed when two boys under 11 years old identified Roland Fuentes, 50, of 2424 Tampa Bay Blvd., as the man who sodomized them, according to Fuentes' arrest affidavits.

One boy was sodomized on Dec. 17 at an unknown location.

while the other was abused on Oct. 14, Oct. 21, Oct. 23 and Dec. 10 on the submarine, the affidavits said.



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The charge involving the 13-year-old was filed when the boy's parents called police after reading reports of the arrest of Fuentes, who first was charged with lewd and lascivious acts on a 13-year-old child on Wednesday.

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## Requin guide faces charges

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Tampa police spokesman Steve Cole said Fuentes led a group of Sea Explorers, a branch of the Boy Scouts of America, on a tour of the submarine Dec. 22, then invited three boys back to his apartment for lunch. The first boy claimed Fuentes fondled him there. The second boy accused Fuentes of fondling him Christmas Day at the tour guide's apartment.

Cole said Thursday other boys would be interviewed and there may be additional charges.

Fuentes has been leading tours of the USS Requin since October, when the war memorial anchored on the Hillsborough River in downtown Tampa reopened. He has been a Sea Explorers leader since May 1987, according to Thomas Deimler, executive with the Gulf Ridge Council of the Boy Scouts of America.

Deimler said Fuentes will be suspended from his post with the Sea Explorers, which is comprised of teen-age boys and girls up to age 18.

Fuentes' application to be a Sea Explorers leader listed experience as a scout leader in Miami. Deimler said, adding that routine checks of police records are not done on leader applicants because the checks would be too cumbersome.

A former employer of Fuentes, who wished to remain anonymous, said he was quiet, kept to himself and was an earnest worker.

"He took himself very seriously. He had no self-deprecating sense of humor or a sense of humor at all. It was difficult for him to socialize and make friends," said his former boss, who works for a Tampa company that supplies pipes and valves for water projects.

Hank Smith, who said he had worked with Fuentes at a Tampa tile company, said he couldn't believe the charges were true. Smith described Fuentes as someone who preached to his fellow workers.

"He talks about God to everyone and how everybody ought to get their lives together because the end's coming pretty soon," Smith said.

Smith said Fuentes is divorced and has a 21-year-old son who lives with his mother but visits his father occasionally.

In 1972, Fuentes was arrested on a charge of lewd and lascivious conduct involving two boys, one 13 and the other 14. Fuentes was not prosecuted, according to Hillsborough County Sheriff's Office records.

Fuentes is being held without bail at the Hillsborough County Jail.

The city of Tampa, which leases the Requin from the U.S. Navy, has halted tours of the submarine until it can find another group to conduct the tours.

Staff writer Louis Lavelle contributed to this story.

# THE TAMPA TRIBUNE

Thursday, December 29, 1988

## Tour guide on submarine accused of fondling boy

By LOUIS LAVELLE  
Tribune Staff Writer

TAMPA — The skipper of the USS Requin submarine was arrested Wednesday and charged with fondling a 13-year-old boy who had taken a tour of the vessel.

It was the second such arrest for Roland Fuentes, 50, of 2424 Tampa Bay Blvd., who was being held Wednesday night in Hillsborough County Jail. According to police spokesman Steve Cole, Fuentes was taking several children on a tour of the submarine Dec. 22 when he decided to take three of them to his apartment for lunch.

While at the apartment, according to Fuentes' arrest affidavit, Fuentes allegedly fondled one 13-year-old boy.

When the child returned home, he told his parents about the incident and his parents notified Tampa police, who arrested Fuentes at 3:15 p.m. Wednesday, Cole said.

He was charged with lewd and lascivious acts on a child and taken to the jail, where he was being held without bail.

Fuentes, according to police records, was arrested on a charge of lewd and lascivious conduct on July 21, 1972. But Cole

did not know any details of the case or its disposition.

Cole said parents of children who have taken Fuentes' tour of the Requin should question them about Fuentes' behavior. If children report fondling or abuse, parents should contact the detective division at 225-3842, Cole said.

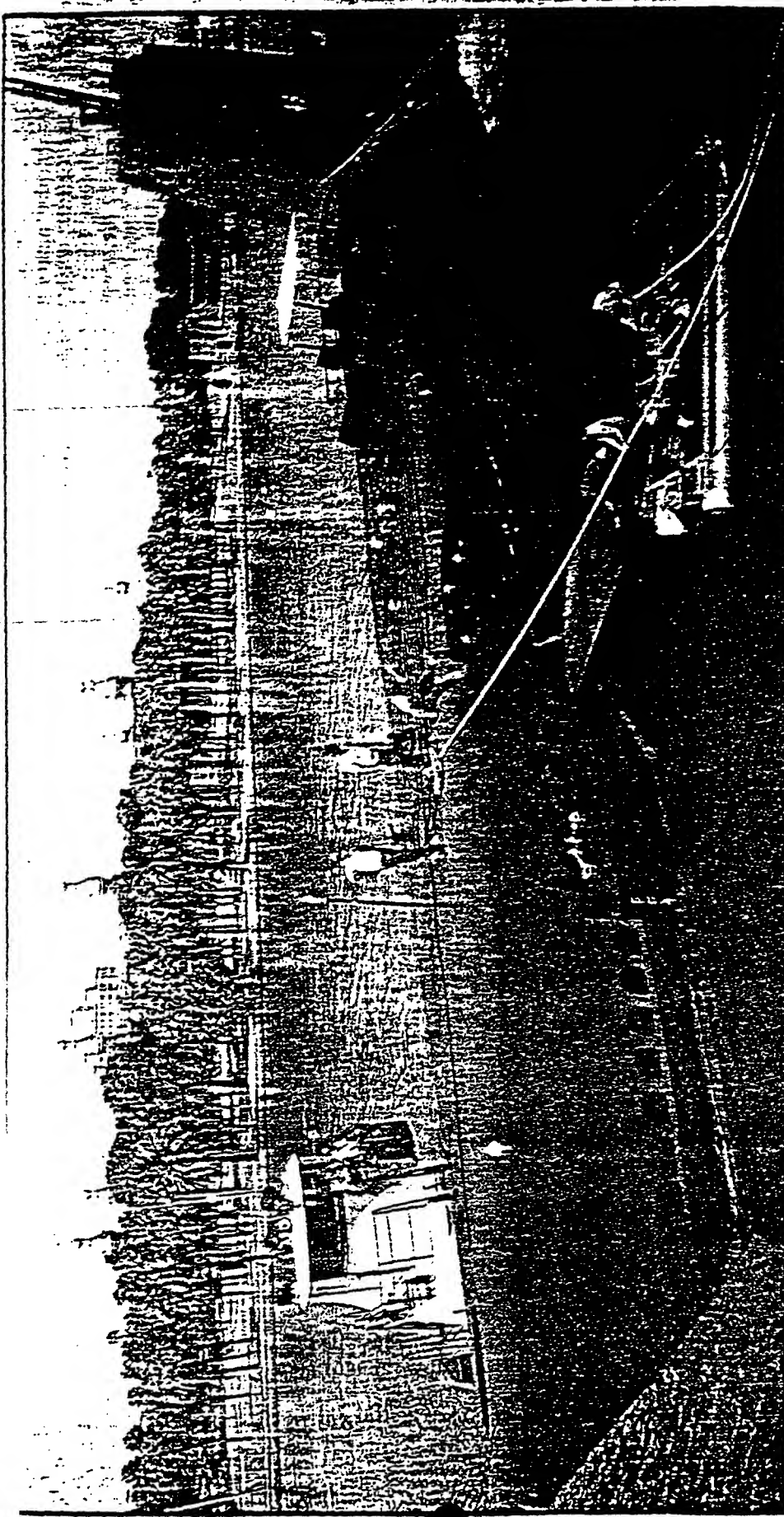
The city leases the submarine, which is docked on the Hillsborough River behind the Tampa Museum of Art, from the Navy. Fuentes is head of the Sea Explorers, a division of the Boy Scouts of America that gives tours of the vessel.

The 48-year-old submarine was closed in 1986 when construction of the NCNB National Bank building cut off public access to the vessel. It reopened in October after a six-month overhaul.

Cole said Fuentes told police he spent in excess of \$25,000 of his own money refurbishing the aging sub, which never saw combat.



Fuentes



Tribune photograph by CLIFF HERRICK

### The Requin finally makes its move

Workers get into position Tuesday to tow the USS Requin up the Alabamaborough River to its new berth near the Tampa Museum of Art.

The trip, which was unsuccessful in the past, was only about 180 feet. The submarine should reopen to the public in a month.

# Beach crews find a litter bit of everything

9-26-88  
BY JEANETTE WHITE  
Tribune Staff Writer

APOLLO BEACH — Seven-year-old Cattle Young spent Saturday morning stuffing garbage sacks with beer bottles and other trash she picked up along the beach.

But she couldn't bear to part with three items she found particularly appealing — a shiny brown seed pod and two red 12-gauge shotgun shells.

Cattle and her aunt, Rhoda Terwilliger, joined about 70 others gathering trash along Apollo Beach, one of 14 sites along Tampa Bay's shore where volunteers participated in a state-wide cleanup effort.

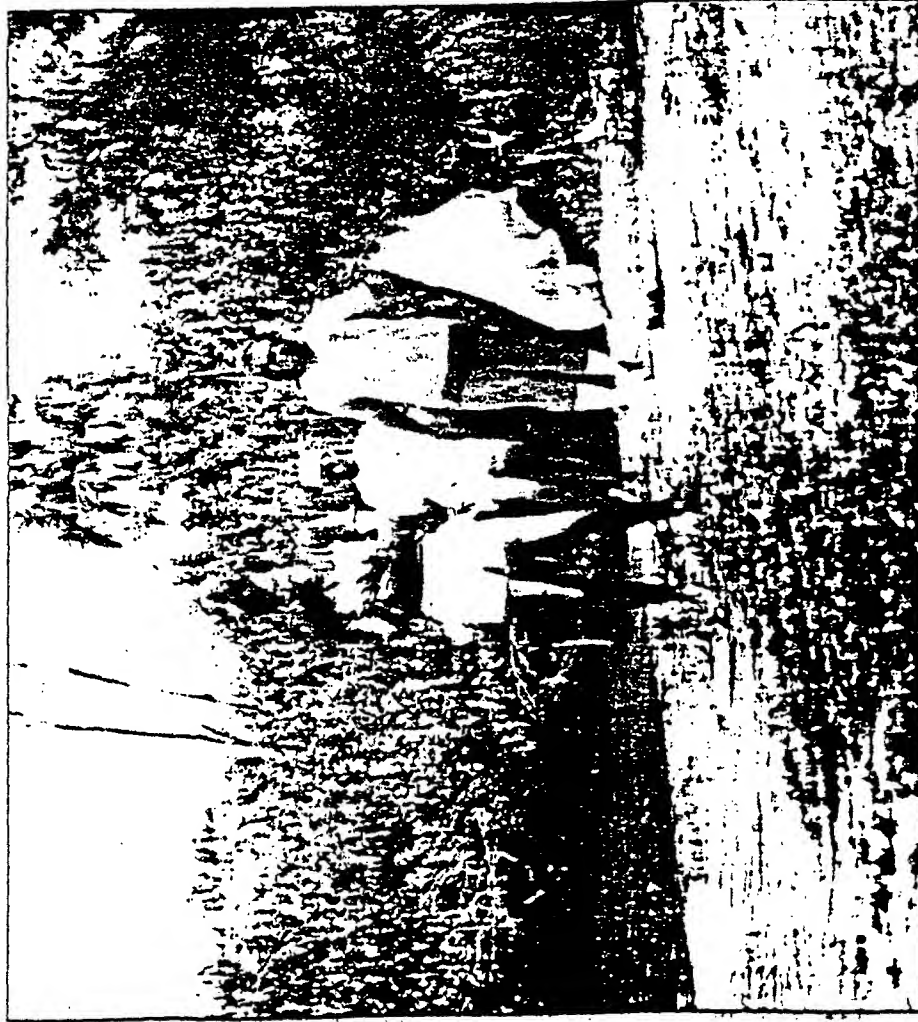
Volunteers were filling a 40-cubic-yard Dumpster with trash bags containing at least seven medical syringes, soiled diapers, hundreds of beer bottles, a baby bottle, broken glass, bits of Styrofoam, aerosol cans, car fires and batteries, a Judas Priest album and an \$87 hospital bill.

The Surface Water Improvement and Management program — an arm of the Southwest Florida Water Management District, the Tampa Bay Regional Planning Council and some city governments — organized the Florida "All Hands on Deck" project as part of a nationwide cleanup effort by the Washington-based Center of Environmental Education.

"I think it's a dump. It looks like one," Cattle said, surveying litter piled next to a graffiti-covered seawall.

Aluminum cans and synthetic fishing lures were bagged separately and will be weighed later this week.

"We're trying to quantify what type of de-



Tribune photograph by RON THOMPSON  
Kevin Church, right, and Mike Hunt pick up trash as Bob Zicht checks off items on a list during a beach cleanup near Ruskin.

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bris is found where, and if there are pr  
with certain types of trash in some a  
said Scott Stevens, who organized the  
cleanup at Cockroach Bay, E.G. Sin  
Park, the area southeast of the 22nd  
Causeway, Williams Park and Apollo B

AT&T employee Jerry Eugenio sa  
main concern was for birds and fish.  
"The plastics that aren't biodegr  
get caught around birds' necks. They sit  
and drown," he said. "Sea turtles mi  
plastic bags for jellyfish. They eat it and

Eight members from the ROTC gro  
East Bay High School near Gibsonton u  
ered several plastic plugs that Gary  
closs, a Tampa Electric Co. employee  
were used to clean steam condenser tu

"I think the industrial plant ought to  
an eye on what they're doing, instea  
dumping all their crap in the water,"  
Roy Garza, 17. "I don't like to see  
because of stupid things people

Grotecloss and his wife, Nancy, fille  
30-gallon garbage bags at a spoils Islan  
Apollo Beach.

"It's terrible. I don't think we put  
in it out there," Nancy Grotecloss said.

"Some people call it 'Beer Can Islan  
said Wendell Walker, who worked alo  
Apollo Beach shoreline opposite the Isl  
Walker and eight other AT&T emp  
filled the back of a pickup truck with tr  
30 minutes, he said.

"My suggestion is to put a deposit c  
ties. They did it in the Northeast abo  
years ago. About two weeks later  
couldn't find one," AT&T volunteer E  
said.



January 5, 1989

Mr. Thomas R. Deimler  
Scout Executive  
Gulf Ridge Council, No. 86

PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL

SUBJECT: ROLAND R. FUENTES

Dear Tom:

Thank you for all the material related to the above named individual. This is most helpful as we put together a file to refuse registration at a later time.

I am enclosing a confidential record sheet which I would like to have completed, so that we may identify Mr. Fuentes should he attempt registration in some other location. Please complete this with as much information as you have available.

A credit has been written and placed in your file for the registration fee which was returned. This will come to you when we clear your debit and credit file.

We would like the outcome of the legal action once this is completed. This information would then complete our file.

Thanks for your help.

Sincerely,

Paul Ernst, Director  
Registration Service

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Enclosure

cc: Southeast Region

READY TO FILE  
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This confirms that I, Roland R. Fuentes received on this day December 29, 1988 letter from Gulf Ridge Council Boy Scouts of America suspending my registration. Letter included a \$5.00 refund check for said 1988 registration fee with BSA.

The aforementioned letter was signed by Robert T. Sutton, Council President and Thomas R. Deimler, Council Executive. Copy is attached.

Signed

Roland R. Fuentes  
Roland R. Fuentes

Date

12-30-88

Issued credit #006282  
for Reg fee & council  
reimbursement  
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December 29, 1988

Mr. Roland R. Fuentes  
P.O. Box 152404  
Tampa, Florida 33684


Dear Mr. Fuentes,

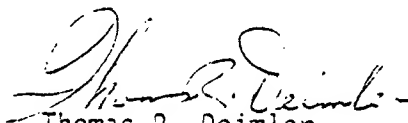
After careful review, we have decided that your registration with the Boy Scouts of America should be suspended. We are therefore compelled to request that you sever any relations that you may have with the Boy Scouts of America. A refund of your registration fee is enclosed.

You should understand that BSA membership registration is a privilege and is not automatically granted to everyone who applies. We reserve the right to suspend registration whenever there is a concern that an individual may not meet the high standards of membership which the BSA seeks to provide for American youth.

If you wish to have this decision reviewed by a council review committee, please write to me within 60 days of the date of this letter, explaining your version of the facts supporting your claim that your registration as a BSA member should be reinstated. The procedures for a review of this decision are attached.

Sincerely yours,

  
Robert T. Sutton  
Council President

  
Thomas R. Deimler  
Scout Executive

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Enclosure

cc: Paul I. Ernst, National Director Registration Service  
James E. Johnson, Asst. National Director Personnel, Southeast Region  
Robert Somers, Area Director, Southeast Region



December 29, 1988

STATEMENT REGARDING ROLAND R. FUENTES

It is the understanding of Gulf Ridge Council, Boy Scouts of America that Roland R. Fuentes has received criminal charges on December 28, 1988 and that the matters are in the hands of the authorities. The Boy Scouts of America will support the investigation in every way possible.

Mr. Fuentes has been registered in Gulf Ridge Council as a Explorer Ship "Skipper" (adult leader) since May 22, 1987. He was a leader with Ship #241 Chartered by Requin Memorial Foundation 8 adult leaders and 16 youth were registered members.

The Boy Scouts of America recognizes "Child Abuse" as in a significant social problem in the United States. In all cases involving a Scout leader the BSA organization moves quickly to remove that person from registered membership. This action is warranted in any instance that indicates the adult leader is not of the high level "role model" character required for a position of adult leadership in the Boy Scouts of America.

On December 29, 1988 a letter suspending the registration of Roland Fuentes from the Boy Scouts of America was prepared and hand delivered. Mr. Fuentes has the right to appeal this matter within the frame work of procedures established by the Boy Scouts of America.

Thomas R. Deimler  
Scout Executive

Phone: [REDACTED]

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## CHILD SEXUAL ABUSE

POSITION: BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA

- . Child sexual abuse has become increasingly recognized as a significant social problem in the United States. Youth organizations, schools, churches, communities, and families are all potential victims of pedophiles, just as are individual youngsters. The BSA feels it is important to understand this problem and how to deal with it.
- . In attacking the problem of child sexual abuse, the BSA strategy encompasses the following key elements:
  - Educating Scout volunteers, parents, and Scouts themselves to aid in the detection and prevention of child sexual abuse.
  - Establishing leader-selection procedures to deter offenders from entering the BSA leadership ranks.
  - Establishing policies that create barriers for child sexual abuse within the program.
  - Encouraging Scouts to report improper behavior in order to identify offenders quickly.
  - Swift removal and reporting of alleged offenders.
- . Even though the number of incidents involving the organization is minuscule, one case of child molestation by someone associated with the BSA is one case too many. Still, as it has been for more than 78 years, Scouting is the safest and best program for young people today.
- . Experts say there is no fail-safe method for identifying potential offenders before incidents occur. The measures employed by the BSA, however, make it difficult for them to operate.
- . Adult volunteer leaders are selected by the local organizations that operate packs, troops, and posts. The BSA establishes criteria, provides guidance, and offers assistance in the selection of Scout leadership. About half of these organizations are churches and other religious institutions and the remainder are schools, PTAs, and other civic, fraternal, or labor organizations.

## Effective Interviewing

Interviewing is not a passive experience. To effectively communicate your message:

- Be *responsive, cooperative, and concerned*.
- Control the interview. Answer the questions briefly and "bridge" to one of your agenda points.
- Use simple sentences.
- Structure answers with a headline, followed by basic facts and elaboration.
- Don't repeat an interviewer's negative word or phrase.
- Play it straight. Be truthful.
- If you don't know the answer to a question, offer to check appropriate sources and get back to the interviewer.
- Speak with conviction.
- Never argue with the interviewer.
- Relax and be conversational. An interview is not a courtroom experience.
- Assume that everything is on the record at all times.

## Quick Reference Guide for Media Interviews on Child Sexual Abuse

BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA

## Be Prepared

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Review these key background documents: "BSA Background Information on Child Sexual Abuse," *Child Sexual Abuse—How to Deal With It* (1988 revision), and the BSA *Media Training Guide* and videotape. That's the best way to guarantee that the information exchanged during your interview best reflects your views and the position of the Boy Scouts of America.

Before you go into an interview, remember to:

- Establish an agenda/copy points.
- Take control of the interview.
- Be concise and give the basic facts.

### Agenda/Copy Points

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The success of your interview will depend on how many agenda items, or copy points, you have covered. The key points are:

- Child sexual abuse is a societal problem.
- The BSA's attack encompasses five key elements:

1. Education at all levels on the detection and prevention of child sexual abuse
  2. Strengthening leader selection procedures to deter abusers from entering the ranks of Scouting
  3. Creating barriers to sexual abuse
  4. Prompt reporting—"yell and tell"
  5. Swift action
- Although the number of incidents of sexual abuse involving the BSA is minuscule, one case of child sexual abuse is too many.
  - There is no fail-safe method for identifying potential offenders before incidents occur, but the BSA has made it difficult for them to operate.
  - Adult leaders are selected by local chartered organizations. The BSA establishes selection criteria and assists in the recruitment of Scout leadership.

Remember: Refer any questions on legal issues or the national perspective to BSA's national director of Public Relations.

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052169	NO R	THOMAS W	BOERGER	[REDACTED]	TAMPA	FL 33606		M	[REDACTED]	
069206	SC N	HARRY L	EVERSON	[REDACTED]	APOLLO BEACH	FL 33570	2/24/24	M	[REDACTED]	
052171	SK R	ROLAND	FUENTES	[REDACTED]	TAMPA	FL 33684	3/18/38	M	[REDACTED]	
069212	NO N	WILLIAM A	KRUSEN	[REDACTED]	TAMPA	FL 33609	6/22/20	M	[REDACTED]	
069208	MT N	THOMAS W	LYNCH	[REDACTED]	SPRING HILL	FL 34608	9/25/51	M	[REDACTED]	
070674	CC N	ROBERT F	GILSBY	[REDACTED]	TAMPA	FL 33617	12/31/29	M	[REDACTED]	
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# THE TAMPA TRIBUNE

Thursday, December 29, 1988

## Tour guide on submarine accused of fondling boy

By LOUIS LAVELLE  
Tribune Staff Writer

TAMPA — The skipper of the USS Requin submarine was arrested Wednesday and charged with fondling a 13-year-old boy who had taken a tour of the vessel.

It was the second such arrest for Roland Fuentes, 50, of 2424 Tampa Bay Blvd., who was being held Wednesday night in Hillsborough County Jail. According to police spokesman Steve Cole, Fuentes was taking several children on a tour of the submarine Dec. 22 when he decided to take three of them to his apartment for lunch.

While at the apartment, according to Fuentes' arrest affidavit, Fuentes allegedly fondled one 13-year-old boy.

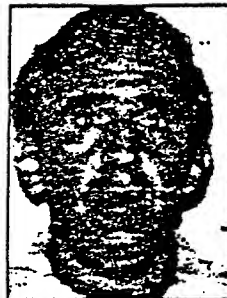
When the child returned home, he told his parents about the incident and his parents notified Tampa police, who arrested Fuentes at 3:15 p.m. Wednesday, Cole said.

He was charged with lewd and lascivious acts on a child and taken to the jail, where he was being held without bail.

Fuentes, according to police records, was arrested on a charge of lewd and lascivious conduct on July 21, 1972. But Cole

did not know any details of the case or its disposition.

Cole said parents of children who have taken Fu-



Fuentes

entes' tour of the Requin should question them about Fuentes' behavior. If children report fondling or abuse, parents should contact the detective division at 225-5842, Cole said.

The city leases the submarine, which is docked on the Hillsborough River behind the Tampa Museum of Art, from the Navy. Fuentes is head of the Sea Explorers, a division of the Boy Scouts of America that gives tours of the vessel.

The 48-year-old submarine was closed in 1986 when construction of the NCNB National Bank building cut off public access to the vessel. It reopened in October after a six-month overhaul.

Cole said Fuentes told police he spent in excess of \$25,000 of his own money refurbishing the aging sub, which never saw combat.

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CALL FROM TOM DIEMLER. C 86

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ROLAND R. FUENTES

ARRESTED FOR MOLESTATION  
OF 13 YR OLD YOUTH

DELIVERING LTR TO INDIVIDUAL SUSPENDING TODAY  
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